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Consistent with current practice, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) as revised at 69 Fed. Reg. 56481 (September 21, 2004), copies of the cited U.S. patents have not been submitted.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed copy of the PCT International Search Report, mailed 08 December 2004, issued in International Patent Application No. PCT/US04/13418, which is the corresponding international application to the present application. A copy of the search report is enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.

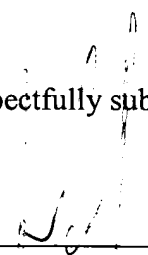
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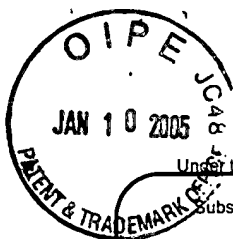
Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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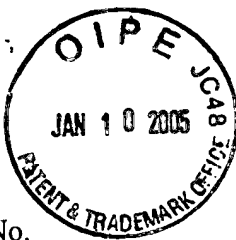
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